

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising the steps of:  
evaluating by a multimedia messaging service center  
whether it is appropriate to adapt originally unsupported  
components of a multimedia message to meet capabilities of a  
receiving terminal before providing said multimedia message  
to said receiving terminal and, if said adaptation is not  
enough for supporting all of said unsupported components  
using said capabilities, identifying an internet server  
location of software needed for rendering unadopted  
components of said originally unsupported components by said  
receiving terminal;

providing ~~(54)~~ a multimedia messaging service signal  
~~(20)~~ incorporating a further multimedia message signal  
(FMMS) indicative of a said multimedia message and a  
~~terminal specific uniform resource locator (URL)~~ URL signal  
from a multimedia messaging service center (14) to a said  
receiving terminal ~~(22)~~, said URL signal providing ~~an~~ said  
internet server ~~(32)~~ location of said software obtainable by  
the receiving terminal ~~(22)~~;and

providing ~~(58, 60)~~ the software to the receiving  
terminal ~~(22)~~ for said rendering of said unadopted  
components of the multimedia message by the receiving  
terminal ~~(22)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the  
software is provided to the receiving terminal ~~(22)~~ in  
response to a software request signal ~~(34)~~ sent by the

receiving terminal ~~(22)~~ to the internet server ~~(32)~~ location provided by the URL signal.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the software request signal ~~(34)~~ is sent by the receiving terminal ~~(22)~~ to the internet server ~~(32)~~ location provided by the URL signal only after receiving a software request command ~~(30)~~ from a user ~~(24)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the software request signal ~~(34)~~ is sent by the receiving terminal ~~(22)~~ to the internet server ~~(32)~~ location provided by the URL signal automatically after receiving the multimedia messaging service signal ~~(20)~~ incorporating the URL signal.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, after the step of providing ~~(54)~~ the multimedia messaging service signal ~~(20)~~, further comprising the step of:

deciding ~~(56)~~ whether additional software is needed to be installed in the receiving terminal ~~(22)~~—for rendering said unadopted components of said originally unsupported components of said a multimedia message ~~signal (12)~~ by the receiving terminal ~~(22)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein said decision is made by the user ~~(24)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein said decision is made automatically by the receiving terminal ~~(22)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

rendering ~~(62)~~ the further multimedia message signal indicative of the multimedia message by the receiving terminal ~~(22)~~, so that the multimedia message is perceptible by a user ~~(24)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, prior to the step of providing ~~(54)~~ the multimedia messaging service signal ~~(20)~~, further comprising the step of:

receiving and optionally storing ~~(42)~~ a the multimedia message signal ~~(12)~~ comprising said multimedia message by the multimedia messaging service center ~~(14)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

providing ~~(44)~~ optionally a message notification signal (16) to the receiving terminal ~~(22)~~ by the multimedia messaging service center ~~(14)~~; and

providing ~~(46)~~ a message retrieval request signal ~~(18)~~ containing a terminal signal indicative of a terminal information and optionally a multipurpose internet mail extension (MIME) signal indicative of a terminal-specific MIME information to the multimedia messaging service center ~~(14)~~ by the receiving terminal ~~(22)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the message retrieval request signal ~~(18)~~ is sent in response to the message notification signal ~~(16)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein said step evaluating and identifying is performed using  
~~further comprising the step of:~~  
~~—evaluating (48) by the multimedia messaging service center (14) whether it is appropriate to adapt unsupported components of the MMS multimedia message signal (12) to meet the capabilities of the receiving terminal (22) and identifying (48) the URLs for terminal specific additional software to render the unsupported components of the multimedia message signal (12) based on the terminal and MIME signals using a database (14a) of the multimedia messaging service center (14).~~

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of:

adapting ~~(49)~~ by the multimedia messaging service center ~~(14)~~ the appropriate unsupported components of the MMS ~~(12)~~ to meet the capabilities of the receiving terminal ~~(22)~~ .

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the MIME information is deduced by the multimedia messaging service center ~~(14)~~ from the terminal information contained in the message retrieval request signal ~~(18)~~ and from a software release information.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein a terminal signal indicative of a terminal information is provided to the multimedia messaging service center ~~(14)~~ during a registration process of a particular application.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the particular application is a session initiation protocol (SIP) instant messaging or a SIP messaging session.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein a terminal-specific multipurpose internet mail extension (MIME) information is deduced by the multimedia messaging service center ~~(14)~~ from the terminal information and from a software release information.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the further multimedia message signal is the same as the multimedia message signal ~~(12)~~ and all said unadopted components are said originally unsupported components.

19. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a multimedia messaging service center ~~(14)~~, for evaluating whether it is appropriate to adapt originally unsupported components of a multimedia message to meet capabilities of a receiving terminal before providing said multimedia message to said receiving terminal and, if said adaptation is not enough for supporting all of said unsupported components using said capabilities, identifying an internet server location of software needed for rendering unadopted components of said originally unsupported components by said receiving terminal; for providing a multimedia message service signal ~~(20)~~ incorporating a further multimedia message signal (FMMS) indicative of a said multimedia message and a terminal-specific uniform resource locator (URL) URL signal, said URL signal providing an said internet server (32) location of downloadable said software; and

a receiving terminal ~~(22)~~ responsive to the multimedia message service signal, for obtaining said software for said rendering of said unadopted components of the multimedia message.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the multimedia messaging service center ~~(14)~~ is further responsive to a multimedia message signal ~~(12)~~ indicative of the multimedia message and to a message retrieval request signal ~~(18)~~ containing a terminal signal indicative of a terminal information and optionally a multipurpose internet mail extensions (MIME) signal indicative of a terminal-specific MIME information.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the multimedia messaging service center ~~(14)~~ further provides a message notification signal ~~(16)~~ to the receiving terminal ~~(22)~~.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the receiving terminal ~~(22)~~ is responsive to a software request command ~~(30)~~ by a user ~~(24)~~, for providing a message retrieval request signal ~~(18)~~ containing a terminal signal indicative of a terminal information and optionally a multipurpose internet mail extensions (MIME) signal indicative of a terminal-specific MIME information, for providing a software request signal ~~(34)~~ to the internet server ~~(32)~~, for providing a URL image signal to the user ~~(24)~~, and for rendering the further multimedia message signal indicative of the multimedia message perceptible by the user ~~(24)~~.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 22, wherein the receiving terminal ~~(22)~~, is further responsive to a message notification signal ~~(16)~~.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, further comprising a sending terminal ~~(10)~~, for providing a multimedia message signal ~~(12)~~ to the multimedia messaging service center ~~(14)~~.

25. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the further multimedia message signal is the same as the multimedia message signal ~~(12)~~ and all said unadopted components are said originally unsupported components.

26. (Currently Amended) A computer program for storage on a computer readable medium for executing the steps of claim 1.

27. (Currently Amended) A multimedia messaging service center ~~(14)~~, comprising:

a database ~~(14a)~~ for identifying uniform resource locators (URLs) of terminal-specific downloadable software;  
means for evaluating whether it is appropriate to adapt originally unsupported components of a multimedia message to meet capabilities of a receiving terminal before providing said multimedia message to said receiving terminal and, if said adaptation is not enough for supporting all of said unsupported components using said capabilities, identifying, using said database an internet server location of software needed for rendering unadopted components of said originally unsupported components by said receiving terminal; and  
means for providing a multimedia message service signal ~~(20)~~ to a said receiving terminal ~~(22)~~, incorporating a

further multimedia message signal (FMMS) indicative of a said multimedia message and a URL signal, said URL signal providing ~~an~~ said internet server (32) location of ~~the terminal-specific downloadable~~ said software for said rendering of said unadopted components of the multimedia message unsupported components of the FMMS by the receiving terminal (22).

28. (Currently Amended) A receiving terminal (22), comprising:

means responsive to the multimedia message service signal, incorporating a further multimedia message signal (FMMS) indicative of a multimedia message and a ~~terminal-specific uniform resource locator (URL)~~ URL signal, said URL signal providing an internet server (32) location of software obtainable by the receiving terminal (22); and

means for sending a software request signal (34) to the internet server (32) location provided by the URL signal,

wherein said software is needed for rendering unadopted components of an originally unsupported components of a multimedia message by said receiving terminal, wherein prior to providing said URL signal, it is evaluated whether it is appropriate to adapt originally unsupported components of a multimedia message to meet capabilities of said receiving terminal before providing said multimedia message to said receiving terminal and, if said adaptation is not enough for supporting all of said unsupported components using said capabilities, said internet server location of said software is identified, wherein said software is needed for said



rendering said unadopted components of said originally unsupported components by said receiving terminal.

29. (New) A method, comprising the steps of:

evaluating whether it is appropriate to adapt originally unsupported components of a multimedia message to meet capabilities of a receiving terminal before providing said multimedia message to said receiving terminal and, if said adaptation is not enough for supporting all of said unsupported components using said capabilities, identifying an internet server location of software needed for rendering unadopted components of said originally unsupported components by said receiving terminal;

providing a multimedia messaging service signal incorporating a further multimedia message signal (FMMS) indicative of said multimedia message and a URL signal to said receiving terminal, said URL signal providing said internet server location of said software obtainable by the receiving terminal;and

providing the software to the receiving terminal for said rendering of said unadopted components of the multimedia message by the receiving terminal.

30. (New) A computer program product comprising: a computer readable storage structure embodying computer program code thereon for execution by a computer processor with said computer program code characterized in that it includes instructions for performing the steps of the method of claim 29 indicated as being performed by any component of the receiving terminal.